Steps taken to boost industrial production include the new Industrial Policy 1991, the Export and Import Policy 1992-97 and measures contained in the Union Budgets for 1992-93 and 1993-94.

KVIC help to poor entrepreneurs

451. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIC) has helped the poor entrepreneurs by giving loans to run industrial units in the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, whether these loans have been recovered so far from these entrepreneurs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) KVIC is not directly funding any individual entrepreneurs. However KVIC gives funds to its directly aided Institutions throughout the country for starting and continuing Khadi and Village Industry work. KVIC also gives funds to 30 Khadi and Village Industries Boards working at the State/UT level for promoting Khadi and Village Industries work within their respective jurisdiction through cooperative societies and individual entrepreneurs. All details such as loans sanctioned, loans recovered etc. in respect of individual entrepreneurs are maintained at the State Board's level.

World Bank Report on PSUs

452. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent World Bank's report which stated that the Public Sector Units in India are working in such a system which makes them inefficient;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make the PSUs more efficient ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compulsory licencing for industries

453. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have further pruned the list of Industries requiring compulsory licensing and have removed certain items from the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On review, it has been decided to remove the following three industries from the list of compulsory licensing, under the provisions

of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 :—

— Raw hides and skins, leather and patent leather

— Motor cars

— White goods.

454. [*Transferred to 10th May, 1993*]

Demands of employees of Khadi Gramodyog

455. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Association of Employees of Khadi Gram Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi has put forth a demand to make the employees of Khadi Bhavan as regular members of Khadi Commission;

(b) if so, whether the services of these employees have not been regularised even after 38 years of their service; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, have put forth their demand for making their service pensionable.

(b) KVIC have informed that it is not correct to state that the services of these employees have not been regularised. They receive all the benefits available to regular employees other than pension. In lieu of pension, they are covered by the E. P. F. rules.

(c) The extension of pensionary benefit to the trading staff has been examined earlier by this Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure and Deptt. of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare and it was decided not to extend this benefit to the trading staff of KVIC. However, the Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan have filed writ petitions in the matter in the High Courts of Delhi and Bombay respecively. The matter is sub-judice.

Foreign Investment Promotion Board

456. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign investment proposals that have so far been approved by the Central Empowered Committee recently on the basis of the recommendations made by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB); and

(b) what is the likely total foreign investment envisaged in each case indicating the projects, field and States/Union Territories selected for this purpose particularly in Rajasthan as well as Orissa with exact locations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Empowered Committee, constituted in September, 1992, has cleared 227 proposals envisaging total direct foreign investment, including NRI investment, of Rs. 1035.06 crores, till the end of March, 1993.

The proposals which have been cleared are in the field of engineering goods, machinery items, textiles, electronics, chemicals, petroleum & natural gas, food processing and agro-based industries, fermentation, giftwares, granites and ceramic decorated tiles, rubber and leather goods, power generation equipment, transportation equipment and hospitals etc.